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SUBJECT: PRAVDA, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ON THE SECRETARY'S SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH ARE IDENTICAL TO THAT DISSEMINATED ON THE TASS ENGLISH WIRE (ITEM 4/2 TASS 2-53) AT 22:15 MOSCOW TIME EVENING OF FEBRUARY 4. THE SAME TEXT WAS READ ON THE NATIONAL EVENING TV NEWS PROGRAM VREMYA AND ON VARIOUS RADIO NEWS BROADCASTS.

2. ENGLISH TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY TASS IS GENERALLY ACCURATE, THOUGH LAST PARAGRAPH BETTER RENDERED AS "IN A WORD, THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN THIS PART OF HIS SPEECH ATTEMPTED TO TURN THE FACTS UPSIDE DOWN (S NOG NA GOLOVU)".

3. FOR ADDRESSEES WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TASS ENGLISH, BRIEF ESSENCE OF THE REACTION IS THAT THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH CONSISTED OF TWO "CLEAR LINES." LARGER PORTION OF TEXT IS DEVOTED TO PRAISING THE SECRETARY'S SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING DETENTE AND THE ABSENCE OF ALTERNATIVES TO ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS, ESPECIALLY SALT. FINAL THIRD OF TEXT, HOWEVER, CRITICIZES THE SECRETARY FOR "DISTORTING SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY" AND "ATTEMPTING TO JUSTIFY AMERICAN INTERVENTION" IN ANGOLA BY ARGUING THAT OUR ACTIONS THERE WERE MADE NECESSARY AS A REACTION TO SOVIET INTERVENTION. TEXT ADDS THAT THE SECRETARY'S ACCUSATIONS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS "AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS" AND IS STRIVING TOWARD "EXPANSIONISM" CONTRADICT THE "WELL KNOWN FACT" THAT SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY IS PEACEFUL AND BASED ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: THE TASS REACTION FOLLOWS SAME LINES--DIVISION INTO A "GOOD PART" AND CONFIDENTIAL

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A "BAD PART"--AS PRIVATE COMMENTS WE HAVE HEARD AND IS SIMILAR TO LINE BEING GIVEN AMERICAN JOURNALISTS BY THEIR SOVIET CONTACTS. TASS REJECTION OF THE SECRETARY'S ACCUSATIONS IF NOTHING ELSE AT LEAST INFORMS SOVIET READERSHIP THAT SUCH ACCUSATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE--AND HAVE BEEN MADE BY A SOURCE USUALLY TREATED AS AUTHORITATIVE IN THE SOVIET PRESS. END COMMENT.

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